

As soon as word of the death of Lieut. Field reached the family, J. M. Field, a brother, began inquiries into the details of Lieut. Field's death. The official notice was finally received in a letter from Lieut. Field's commander, Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt:

"Commanding Officer 105th Engineers, American E. F. December 9th, 1918. To: G. Hq. A. E. F., France.

1. In compliance with first endorsement it is reported that Captain Bascom L. Field was killed in action September 29th, 1918 while in command of his platoon on the Hindenburg Line just East of Hargicourt.

2. The Commanding Officer of the 105th Engineers wrote to Captain Field's mother, about October 5th, reporting the death of Captain Field and gave circumstances regarding his death.

3. About December 4th a letter was received from Mr. J. M. Field, the writer of the attached, by the Mail Clerk of the 105th Engineers, which was forwarded to these Headquarters and which was replied to in full giving full particulars in regard to the death of Captain Bascom L. Field and the location of his grave.

(Sgd.) JOSEPH HYDE PRATT,
Colonel Engineers, U. S. A."

This was followed by a personal letter from Colonel Pratt, it being remembered that in the old college days Lieut. Field was a student under the then Professor Pratt:

"France, December 7th, 1918.

*Mr. J. M. Field,
Climax, N. C.*

MY DEAR SIR:

Your letter of October 26th finally reached the Regiment and has been handed me by Corporal Dempsey, our Mail Clerk. I had previously written to Captain Bascom L. Field's mother giving her the circumstances regarding his death and the place where he was buried.

Captain Field was in charge of a platoon which was to keep open the road so that the Artillery would be able to